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NEW COLUMBUS DAY TURNPIKES TRAFFIC RECORD
OVERALL WEEKLY TOTALS UP 3% FROM LAST YEAR

The leaf peepers were out in force on Columbus Day in New Hampshire. A record 345,881 vehicles passed through the New Hampshire turnpike system yesterday.

That's up 7 % from last year and tops the previous Columbus Day record of 324,342 vehicles set on October 11, 1999.

Comparing traffic records, Columbus Day leads all other holidays in New Hampshire, with Labor Day currently second (289,883 vehicles on 9/3/01) and Memorial Day currently third (238,787 vehicles on 5/31/99).

Overall, traffic numbers were up 3% over last year for the week ending October 7.